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SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON US-ITALIAN EXTRADITION TREATY  
AND KLM AND SABENA NEGOTIATIONS

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN FROM LOWENSTEIN

1. THE FOLLOWING IS A STATUS REPORT FOR YOUR INFORMATION ON A NUMBER OF CURRENT ITEMS OF EUR BUSINESS. IF THERE ARE ANY SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS, WE WILL INFORM YOU.
  2. THE CEREMONY FOR THE EXCHANGE OF INSTRUMENTS OF RATIFICATION FOR THE EXTRADITION TREATY BETWEEN US AND ITALY IS SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE MARCH 11 AT DEPARTMENT. THE TREATY, WHICH REPLACES THE PRESENT ONE DATING FROM 1868, COMES INTO FORCE AS SOON AS THE EXCHANGE TAKES PLACE. IN ADDITION TO DRUG OFFENSES AND AIRCRAFT HIJACKING, TREATY ALSO ADDS FRAUDULENT BANKRUPTCY AND OTHER FISCAL OFFENSES TO THE LIST OF EXTRADITABLE OFFENSES. IN CONNECTION WITH THE LATTER, MICHELE SINDONA, THE WELL-KNOWN ITALIAN FINANCIER PRESENTLY RESIDING IN NEW YORK, MAY BE EXTRADITABLE UNDER THE NEW TREATY. WE UNDERSTAND THAT AMBASSADOR ORTONA IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE CEREMONY WILL PRESENT A REQUEST FOR SINDONA'S EXTRADITION TO THE
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APPROPRIATE OFFICE IN THE DEPARTMENT. IN THE MEANTIME

SINDONA IS COOPERATING WITH JUSTICE AND SEEMS CONFIDENT

HE WILL AVOID EXTRADITION. (IT IS HARD TO IMAGINE THAT  
MANY POLITICIANS REALLY WANT TO SEE HIM ON THE WITNESS  
STAND.)

3. KLM. THE SECRETARY APPROVED YOUR REVISED MESSAGE  
TO VAN DER STOEL. WE HAVE INFORMED AMBASSADOR GOULD,  
WHO IS HERE, AND WE ARE SENDING THE INSTRUCTION TO THE  
HAGUE TONIGHT.

4. SABENA. THE FORMAL CAPACITY CONSULTATION WITH BELGIUM  
ENDED IN DEADLOCK ON FEBRUARY 20, WITH AGREEMENT ONLY  
TO KEEP IN TOUCH. THE BELGIANS INDICATED INFORMALLY  
THAT THE GOB WOULD BE POLITICALLY UNABLE TO MAKE ANY  
CONCESSIONS TO US UNTIL THE DUTCH DID SO. INGERSOLL

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